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Thursday - 18 November 1971

25X1A 1. [] Senator Milton R. Young (R., N. Dak.) called
25X1A to say that Senator Stuart Symington had stirred up a controversy in
an Appropriations Committee session today by demanding information about
the budgets and personnel strengths of the intelligence community. Senator
Ellender had refused to provide this information and in the discussion
Symington had among other things, claimed that according to CIA there

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Senator Young said Senator Ellender was pushing bills through
and they might adjourn as early as 8 December.

25X1A 2. [] Met with John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel,
House Armed Services Committee, and discussed with him the November 4
letter to the Director from Representative Paul McCloskey, Jr. (R., Calif.)
concerning CIA use of mercenaries in Laos. Mr. Blandford is in agreement
that Members' questions concerning CIA operations should not be honored
and that the Member should be referred to the Armed Services Committee
if it will assist in closing out the question. Mr. Blandford observed that we
might consider a one line response stating simply that the CIA does not
recruit Americans for use as mercenaries in Laos, or words to that effect,
to avoid being misquoted by the Member.

25X1A 3. [] Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations
Committee staff, and discussed the Defense Appropriations bill, H. R. 11731,
sent to the Senate this week. Mr. Preston was most helpful.

25X1A 4. [] Met briefly with Al Westphal, House Foreign
Affairs Committee staff, who told me that the Radios bill has now been
scheduled for tomorrow afternoon, Friday, November 19, for discussion by
the House.

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25X1A 4. [] Dick Stuart, State Department INR, called to coordinate State's response to Senator Case's letter of 27 September 1971 inquiring about the status of contracts between the US Government and various aircraft charter companies. I agreed with the language proposed by State with some minor changes.

25X1A 5. [] Called Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, in response to his query about what had happened in Thailand. I told him I would have an expert get in touch with him and asked Dick Lehman to have [] call Slatinshek directly, which [] did. 25X1A

25X1A 6. [] Met with Ed Braswell, Jack Ticer, John Goldsmith and Jim Woolsey, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, regarding plans for the Director's briefing of the full Committee on Tuesday, 23 November 1971, at 10:00 a.m. See Memo for Record.

25X1 7. [] Met with Senator Peter Dominick and gave him biographic material on the [] calling his attention to the fact that press stories about the intelligence involvement of the chief delegates appear to be unfounded. Senator Dominick said he might get in touch with us to see how much of the information I provided could be declassified. 25X1A

25X1A Senator Dominick said he would like a briefing on Soviet "satellite killers" and [] programs. I said I thought the Director might cover these in his briefing of the Armed Services Committee on Tuesday, but if not we would be glad to provide the Senator with a personal briefing.

25X1A 8. [] Met with Senator Milton Young who told me of developments in the Appropriations Committee regarding the budgets of members of the intelligence community.

25X1A 9. [] A copy of the Agency's personal resume for prospective applicants was delivered to the office of Senator Frank E. Moss (D., Utah). This was in response to a letter from a constituent junior high school teacher for use in a class teaching the correct way to fill out forms and applications.

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Monday - 15 November 1971

25X1A 1. [] Called Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, to alert them to the fact that Senator Symington had introduced a resolution (S. Res. 192) to establish a select committee to oversee activities of various agencies abroad including CIA. Braswell commented he thought this proposal had to be taken very seriously.

25X1A 2. ([] Jean Gordon, Administrative Assistant to Representative Charles Gubser (R., Calif.), called to say the Congressman would like to come out to see the Director tomorrow morning. He said he had something he wanted to give the Director personally. After checking with the Director, an appointment was made for him to come out tomorrow at 9:30 a.m.

25X1A 3. [] Called Harry Symmes, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, and General James Lawrence, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), to make certain they were aware of the Agency's concern with several of the provisions of the Special Foreign Military and Related Assistance Act (S. 2819), especially Section 513 of the bill as it applies to Laos. I told them of Mr. Maury's conversations with Clark MacGregor and MacGregor's assurance that he would take care of the matter. I said I merely wished to be sure they also knew our position.

25X1A Symmes suggested that we discuss this with Mark Pratt, of State Department, who is preparing position papers on the legislation. [] subsequently did this.)

General Lawrence said he didn't know who had the action on the bill for the Administration and said there was still some question as to the form which House Foreign Affairs Committee action would take. He said he would discuss the matter with Rady Johnson and be back in touch with us.

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25X1A 17. [] Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel,
Senate Appropriations Committee, and told him of Ed Braswell's concern
about the legal authority for the changes in the intelligence community.
Woodruff said he thought this represented no problem at all--that the
President could "do anything he wants to" with the machinery of the
National Security Council and the CIA.

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25X1A 3. [] Discussed with Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, some points regarding the White House announcement regarding the intelligence community, emphasizing that changes from the past were largely procedural and of no major significance. I assured Slatinshek that there was no reason to suppose that the Director's direction of CIA or his access to the President, was being undermined.

Mr. Slatinshek said that Chairman Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee, had indicated he wanted to become more active in regard to his responsibilities over the intelligence community in the near future and would want a briefing from the Director. I suggested such a briefing would be timely, should consist largely of the Director's own interpretation of his new responsibilities in the community, and should include Representatives Hebert and Arends in addition to the members of the Nedzi Subcommittee. Slatinshek thought this a good idea and will suggest it to Nedzi.

I explained to Slatinshek that I thought much of the confusion resulted from the fact that most people on the Hill really didn't understand how the intelligence community had functioned in the past, or how it related to the National Security Council.

25X1A 4. [] Met with Senator Clifford P. Case and told him I would be glad to brief him on matters raised in his recent letters to the Director and Secretary of State Rogers, which had been referred to us, but could not include members of his staff. The Senator said that he would have to insist on including members of his staff who handled these matters for him. I said unfortunately this was not possible. Case asked that I convey his request to the Director. I said that I had explained this to the Director and I was giving him the Director's answer, which was that the Director felt that in view of his statutory responsibilities for protecting intelligence sources and methods he would have to limit his discussion of highly sensitive intelligence matters to the Senator himself. The Senator said he would like the Director to write him a letter to this effect. I said I would convey his request to the Director.

25X1A 5. [] Discussed with William Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, certain aspects of the White House announcement regarding the intelligence community. See Memo for Record for details.

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